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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-14. (Cancelled).

15. (New) A measuring apparatus comprising a handle, a first and second tape-holder mounted to said handle for independent rotation about a substantially common axis, each tape holder having a respective measuring tape, which can extend to a variable extent sideways out of the tape-holder when said common axis is vertical, and a pendulum mounted to said handle by a universal joint for hanging vertically downwards substantially coaxial with said common axis to indicate the point on the ground vertically below the tape holders, said pendulum being in the form of a multi-part length-adjustment rod.

16. (New) The measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the pendulum has a marker at its free end.

17. (New) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the handle has a socket and the upper end of the pendulum has a ball rotatably retained in the socket.

18. (New) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein each tap holder includes a tape lock for retaining the tape in a selected extended state.

19. (New) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein each tape holder includes means for detecting and displaying the extent to which a tape extends from the tape holder.

20. (New) A measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the tape has a flat, curved or circular cross-section.

21. (New) A kit of parts which can be assembled to form a measuring apparatus as claimed in claim 15.

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22. (New) A measuring kit comprising a measuring apparatus or kit of parts as claimed in claim 15 and at least one wall bracket arranged to retain a free end of a tape extending from the tape holder.